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1. THIS RESPONDS TO PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTTEL.
REGARDING THE MASS GRAVE MONUMENT AT PYSZNICA, WE WILL
ASK THE MFA FOR A STATUS REPORT AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THE
LATEST KRANTZ-HOLTZMAN INQUIRY. WE'D PREFER TO HAVE IT IN
HAND FIRST, IN ORDER TO REFLECT ACCURATELY WHAT IT SAYS.
AS INDICATED IN THE MARCH 3 BLACK-KRANTZ LETTER, WE WOULD
HAVE ASKED FOR A STATUS REPORT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS IN ANY CASE.

2. AS FOR THE PIOTRKOW TRYBUNALSKI CEMETARY, THIS IS NEW TO
BOTH DON BLACK AND DAVID POZORSKI. OUR FILES DO NOT CON-
TAIN A SEYMOUR-BLACK ON THE SUBJECT. COULD YOU
SEND US A COPY OF THAT LETTER? WE WILL OF COUSE MAKE AN
INQUIRY AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE IT.
YOU MIGHT KEEP IN MIND THAT THE AUTHORITIES
SEEM TO BE DRAWING A SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN WARTIME MASSACRE
SITES ON THE ONE HAND AND REGULAR JEWISH CEMETERIES ON THE
OTHER. ALTHOUGH THEY'RE HARDLY ALACRITOUS ABOUT IT,
THEY SEEM MORE WILLING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT
THE FORMER, WHICH FIT INTO THE PATTERN
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OF REGIME-SANCTIONED MONUMENTS TO WORLD WAR II MARTYRDOM, THAN THE
LATTER, WHERE THEY CLEARLY ARE TRYING TO AVOID LONG-
TEMR AND PERHATS OPEN-ENDED FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AMONG OTHER
RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. COMGN UP IS A MEMCON WITH DUSIK OF THE RELIGIOUS
AFFAIRS OFFICE, WHICH SHEDS SOME DISCOURAGING LIGHT ON

WHAT PROBABLY ARE QUIRE GENERALY HELD OFFICIAL ATTITUDES
ON THE JEWISH CEMETARIES QUESTION.
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